

# Dell 10Gb Ethernet Pass Through II for M1000e

Software User's Manual

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# About this Manual

This manual describes the installation and basic use of the Dell 10Gb Ethernet Pass Through II for M1000e.

# **Intended Audience**

This manual is intended for users and system administrators responsible for installing and setting up the I/O module.

#### **Related Documentation**

Additional documentation available is provided in Table 1.

Table 1 - Referenced Documents

# Terms, Abbreviations and Conventions

#### Table 2 - Abbreviations and Convention

Term	Definition
IOM	I/O Module
PTM	Pass Through Module
Downlink	Internal link – from servers to 10GbE PTM PHY (through the mid plane connector)
Uplink	External link – from 10GbE PTM PHY to external link (typically connected to Ethernet switch)
SSH	Secure Shell (also refers to a software program that allows connectivity using an SSH protocol.)
CMC	Chassis Management Controller
Component	10GbE PTM PHY device
Component numbering	Components are numbered from one (1) to three (3).  When looking at the 10GbE PTM component side with external connectors (uplink) up, the components are numbered as follows:  Device number 1 is the right-most component  Device number 2 is the middle component  Device number 3 is the left-most component
	Wherever applicable, device number 0 refers to the on-board micro-controller

### 1 Overview

This manual explains the use of the embedded software management of the 10GbE PTM. It explains how to connect to the 10GbE PTM and to the CMC, and how to update the module and device firmware and software.

This manual covers the following topics:

- The rest of this section provides a high-level overview of the I/O Module structure and capabilities
- Section 2, "Connecting to the 10GbE PTM CLI," on page 8, explains how to connect to the 10GbE PTM and issue CLI commands
- Section 3, "Command Line Interface (CLI) Reference," on page 12 documents the CLI
- Section 4, "Operating Procedures," on page 19 describes the detailed sequence of operations required to achieve tasks such as software update

# 1.1 Port Groups

The 10GbE PTM has 16 front panel ports divided into two groups: A and B. Group A consists of ports 1 through 8, providing service to blades 1 through 8, respectively; Group B consists of ports 9 through 16, providing service to blades 9 through 16, respectively.

The supported link protocol for all ports is 10GigE XAUI (KX4)

Figure 1 shows the front panel ports and their partitioning into Group A and Group B.

Figure 1: Front Panel Link Speed Port Groups



#### 1.2 Port Link State Reflection

The 10GbE PTM reflects the link state from the uplink to the downlink. When an uplink port connected to a remote peer (e.g. an Ethernet switch) is disconnected, the respective server blade will indicate link down event. When the uplink port is connected, the respective server blade will indicate link up.

#### 1.3 Link Protocol Mismatch Condition

A port may enter a link protocol mismatch condition. When in this condition, the port links (both uplink and downlink) will remain inactive. Mismatch condition is indicated by the port LEDs. Additional information about the mismatch condition is available via the CLI. Link protocol mismatch would occur under the following conditions:

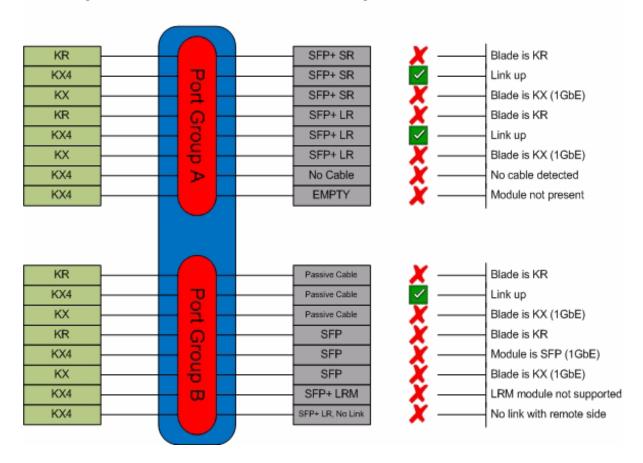
• Downlink (server blade) does not support the link protocol of the port group to which it is attached

• Uplink (remote peer) does not support the link protocol of the port group to which it is attached The following drawing demonstrates link protocol mismatch conditions:

Figure 2: Link Protocol Mismatch Examples

Blade Configuration:

Module Configuration:



#### 1.4 LED Behavior

The LED behavior is described in the following table:

Table 3 - LED Behavior

Condition	Green LED	Amber LED	Description
Link down	off	off	<ul> <li>This condition occurs in the following cases:</li> <li>Server blade not present, powered down, or link is inactive</li> <li>Uplink port module not present</li> <li>Uplink port cable not connected</li> <li>One or both of the internal and/or external links is down</li> </ul>

Table 3 - LED Behavior

Condition	Green LED	Amber LED	Description
Link up	on	off	Both the internal and external links are up
Data activity	on	blink	Link is up and data packets are sent or received
Link protocol mismatch	off		Refer to Section 1.3, "Link Protocol Mismatch Condition," on page 5 for details.

# 1.5 10GbE PTM Status Lights

The 10GbE PTM Status lights indicate whether the switch is receiving power from the chassis, and the state of the 10GbE PTM.

Figure 3: Indicator LEDs

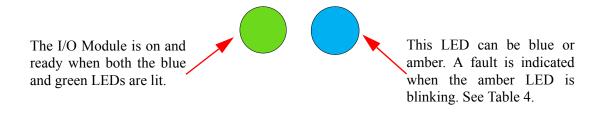


Table 4 - 10GbE PTM states and LED configurations:

	10GbE PTM Status		
Indication	Green	Status	10GDE F IM Status
0	OFF	OFF	OFF
	ON	OFF	Boot in Progress 10GbE PTM not ready
Blinking Blue	ON	BLINKING BLUE	The CMC is identifying the newly installed 10GbE PTM
	ON	ON BLUE	10GbE PTM is on and operating Normally
	ON	ON or BLINKING AMBER	Fault in System Self-diagnosed
	OFF	ON or BLINKING AMBER	Fault in System CMC-detected

# 2 Connecting to the 10GbE PTM CLI

If you are connecting to the system over a network, you will need an SSH client that supports ZModem file transfer. The examples in this document use Secure CommNet v2.35 (download from www.radient.com). After you download the software, some initial configuration is necessary. Please follow the next configuration steps; when using a different client software, similar settings should be available.

If you are connecting directly to the serial port of the Chassis Management Console (CMC), skip to step (9).

1. Go to Setup => SSH2 settings, and set the compression to **none**.

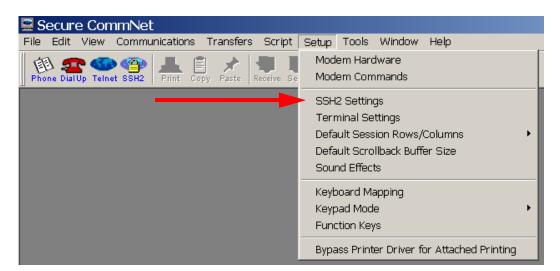
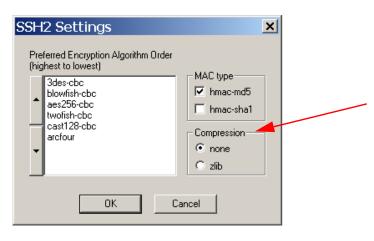


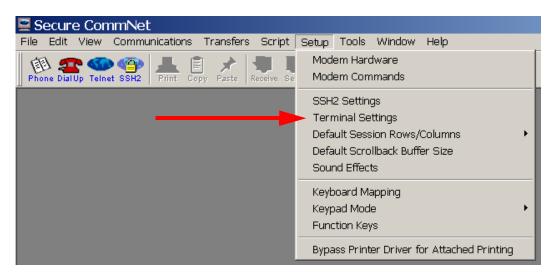
Figure 4: Setup > SSH2 Settings





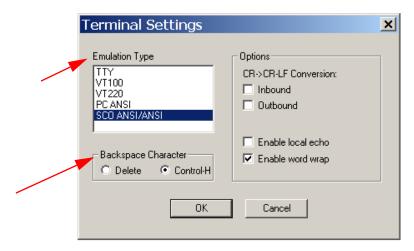
2. Go to Setup => Terminal Settings

Figure 6: Setup > Terminal Settings



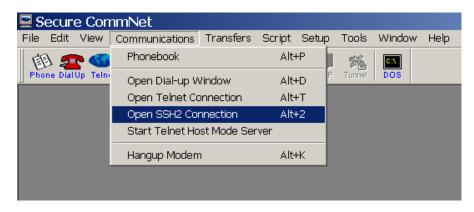
- 3. Select Emulation type => SCOANSI/ANSI and VT100.
- 4. Select Backspace Character => Control-H

Figure 7: Set Emulation Type and Backspace Character



5. Go to Communications => Open SSH2 connection. This will open the SSH2 Connection dialog box.

Figure 8: Communications > Open SSH Connection



- 6. Fill in the hostname or IP address of your system.
- 7. Fill in the user name and the password.

Figure 9: Enter Hostname and Password



8. Your SSH connection will open. You will see a welcome banner and a user prompt (#)

Figure 10: SSH Connected

```
login as: root
root@10.4.111.214's password:
Welcome to the CMC firmware version 2.30.X10.201001060750
$
```

9. To list all the devices in the system, enter the following command:

# getioinfo

Figure 11: getioinfo

```
Welcome to the CMC firmware version 3.00.X13.201005121602
                                          (Type)
                                                             <POST>
                                                                           (Power)
         Dell Ethernet Pass-Through
                                          Gigabit Ethernet
                                                                           N/A
                                                             N/A
         DELL 10GbE XAUI PTM
                                          10 Gbe (XAUI only) OK
                                                             N/A
                                                                           N/A
                                                             N/A
                                                                           N/A
                                                             N/A
                                                                           N/A
```

The 10GbE PTM is listed by the system as "DELL 10GbE XAUI PTM". 10.Run the following command to connect to the 10GbE PTM CLI:

# connect Switch-3

Figure 12: 10GbE PTM Welcome Banner

```
Welcome to the CMC firmware version 3.00.X13.201005121602
    etioinfo
〈Name〉
                                                    <Type>
                                                                            <POST>
                                                                                             (Power>
       (Role>
n=1 Dell Ethernet Pass=Through
                                                    Gigabit Ethernet
                                                                            N/A
                                                                                             N/A
            DELL 10GbE XAUI PTM
                                                    10 Gbe (XAUI only) OK
                                                                                             N/A
                                                    None
                                                                            N/A
                                                                                             N/A
            N/A
                                                    None
                                                                            N/A
                                                                                             N/A
$ connect switch—3
connect: acquiring remote port.
Connected to remote port.
Escape character is '^\'.
Welcome to the Dell IOM Management Console firmware 1.0.051-201006271745-0
```

11. Change privilege level if required. To login as an administrator, run the command login admin

You are now connected to the 10GbE PTM and can start entering commands.

12.To show the list of available commands, run the command:

# help

# 3 Command Line Interface (CLI) Reference

10GbE PTM management is done via the 10GbE PTM CLI. You can use the commands described in this section after successfully connecting to the 10GbE PTM CLI according to the procedure described in Section 2, "Connecting to the 10GbE PTM CLI," on page 8.

# 3.1 CLI Privilege Levels

The 10GbE PTM supports the following user privilege levels:

- USER Common user level, indicated by the # prompt
- ADMIN Administrator level, indicated by the & prompt

Different commands are available in different privilege levels. The command reference indicates the required privilege level for each command that requires a privilege level higher than USER.

#### 3.2 Quick Reference

Table 5 provides a quick reference to the CLI commands:

Table 5 - List of Commands

Command name	Short Description	Reference		
General Commands				
help	Shows the list of available commands	Section 3.4.1, "help," on page 13		
exit	Exit from the 10GbE PTM CLI	Section 3.4.2, "exit," on page 14		
login	Change privilege level	Section 3.4.3, "login (ADMIN)," on page 14		
Software Image Comman	nds			
show image ver	Shows the software image version	Section 3.5.1, "show image ver," on page 14		
copy image from-file	Upload new software image to the 10GbE PTM	Section 3.5.2, "copy image from-file," on page 15		
Device Commands				
show device temp	Shows the temperature of a specified device	Section 3.6.1, "show device temp (ADMIN)," on page 15		
Port Commands				
show port link Shows port link state		Section 3.7.1, "show port link," on page 16		

Table 5 - List of Commands

Command name	Short Description	Reference
show port module	Shows uplink module parameters	Section 3.7.2, "show port module," on page 17
<b>Debug Commands</b>		
cr_read	To read a 32 bit register from device number device_num.	Section 3.8.1, "cr_read (ADMIN)," on page 17
cr_write	To write a data DWORD to address 0xHex_address to device number device_num.	Section 3.8.2, "cr_write (ADMIN)," on page 18

### 3.3 CLI Command Reference Conventions

This section describes the 10GbE PTM CLI commands.

For each command, the following information is provided:

• Synopsis:

Lists the command name and any required or optional parameters. Variable parameters (like port numbers) are shown in *italics*. Optional parameters are shown in square brackets, e.g. [optional parameter]. Required parameters are shown with no brackets.

• Description:

Provides a detailed description of the command and of all its parameters

• Example:

Usage example and command output.

For purpose of automation, the symbol '#' is used to indicate a comment that extends until the next new-line character.

#### 3.4 General Commands

#### **3.4.1** help

#### **Synopsis:**

help

#### **Description:**

Show the list of all available commands.

ADMIN: when in ADMIN mode, this command will also show commands that require ADMIN privilege level.

#### **Example:**

# help

```
Commands list:

? Show this help message
help Show this help message
copy image from-file Upload new software image to the PTM
...
#
```

#### **3.4.2** exit

#### **Synopsis:**

exit

#### **Description:**

Exit from the 10GbE PTM CLI and return to CMC session.

#### **Example:**

```
# exit
$
```

#### 3.4.3 login (ADMIN)

#### **Synopsis:**

login user|admin

#### **Description:**

Change the privilege level.

#### **Example:**

```
# login admin
& login user
#
```

# 3.5 Software Update Commands

#### 3.5.1 show image ver

#### **Synopsis:**

show image ver

#### **Description:**

Display the current software image version.

ADMIN: this command also displays the firmware version of each component.

#### **Example:**

```
# show image ver
Software image version: X.X.XXX-<date stamp>
```

```
# login admin
& show image ver
Software image version: X.X.XXX-<date stamp>
Component #1 firmware version: Y.Y.YYY
Component #2 firmware version: Y.Y.YYY
Component #3 firmware version: Y.Y.YYY
& login user
```

#### 3.5.2 copy image from-file

#### **Synopsis:**

```
copy image from-file [device number]
```

#### **Description:**

Update the firmware on the 10GbE PTM. Immediately after running this command, the CLI waits for the user to send the firmware image using the ZModem protocol. To abort this operation, use CTRL-C. For additional details on the firmware update procedure refer to Section 4, "Operating Procedures," on page 19.

#### ADMIN:

device\_number: When this option is specified, the command will update the firmware of a single PhyX® device, or the micro-controller software. This option specifies the device onto which to upload the image (0..3, where 0 indicates micro-controller image)

#### **Example:**

```
# copy image from-file
# login admin
& copy image from-file 2# Update image on device no. 2
& login user
#
```

#### 3.6 Device Commands

#### 3.6.1 show device temp (ADMIN)

#### **Synopsis:**

```
show device temp device number
```

#### **Description:**

Show the temperature of the specified device:

>device number: device number from which to read temperature (1..3)

#### **Example:**

```
& show device temp 1 Device no. 1 temperature: 42 [Celsius] _{\&}
```

#### 3.7 Port Commands

#### 3.7.1 show port link

#### **Synopsis:**

show port link [port number]

#### **Description:**

This command displays detailed port information. If a front (uplink) port number is specified ([port\_number]), then the command displays information only for this port; otherwise, the command displays information for all the ports.

The command displays the following information per port:

- >Port number
- >Port group identifier: A or B
- >Pass through connection status, may have one of the following values:
  - >down either uplink or downlink is not connected
  - >mismatch both uplink and downlink are connected, but there is a mismatch
  - >Downlink port link state:
- > down: Link disabled (no blade present)
- > 10G: 10GbE link
- >Detailed downlink port link states (available in ADMIN level only):
  - >10G XAUI: 10G link with fixed parameters
- >Uplink port link state:
  - >empty: No module present
  - >module type [no link]: Module is present (module type is shown);
  - >no link: optical fiber cable is disconnected

#### **Example:**

# show port link

Port	Group	Connect	Downlink	Uplink
1	A	10G	10G	SFP+ SR
2	А	10G	10G	SFP+ SR
3	A	10G	10G	SFP+ LR
4	A	10G	10G	SFP+ SR
5	А	10G	10G	SFP+ SR
6	A	mismatch	10G	SFP SX
7	A	down	down	SFP+ SR
8	А	down	down	empty
9	В	10G	10G	SFP SX
10	В	10G	10G	SFP SX

3.7.2 show port module

#### **Synopsis:**

show port module port\_number

#### **Description:**

Show the transceiver module information for the specified uplink port.

#### **Example:**

# 3.8 Debug Commands

3.8.1 cr read (ADMIN)

#### **Synopsis:**

cr read device number 0xaddress

#### **Description:**

Read an internal PhyX device register. This command accepts the following parameters:

>device number – the device from which to read a register (1..3)

>address – the register memory location from which to read (32-bit address)

#### **Example:**

```
& cr_read 2 0xf0014
0x000f0014:0x00a217d4
```

3.8.2 cr write (ADMIN)

#### **Synopsis:**

cr\_write device\_number 0xaddress 0xdata

#### **Description:**

Write data to an internal register on a PhyX device. This command accepts the following parameters:

>device\_number – the device to which memory the data should be written

>address – memory location of the internal register (32-bit address)

>data – the data to be written to the internal register

### **Example:**

cr write 1 0xf0010 0x1

# 4 Operating Procedures

# 4.1 Procedure for Updating Software

The 10GbE PTM consists of three PhyX® devices and a micro-controller (CPU). This procedure describes how to update both CPU SW & PhyX® FW using a single .pfw binary file.

The 10GbE PTM is delivered with the latest firmware available at the time of production. New firmare versions will be posted on the Dell support page. The latest firmware can be found at:

http://support.dell.com/support/

- Step 1. Download the 10GbE PTM firmware .zip file and extract the .pfw binary file.
- Step 2. Connect to the 10GbE PTM using an SSH Client as described in <u>Section 2</u>, "Connecting to the 10GbE PTM CLI," on page 8.
- Step 3. From the CMC command line, connect to the 10GbE PTM CLI. Enter:

**Note:** At least 20 seconds must have passed since the last power cycle of the 10GbE PTM module before running the following connect command.

\$ connect switch-<n>

where <n> is the number of the switch -- 2 in our example.

The prompt should change to #.

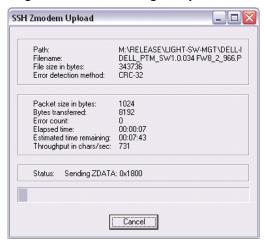
Step 4. To start the upgrade process, run the command:

# copy image from-file

The system will now wait for a ".pfw" file to be transferred from the SSH client.

Step 5. In your SSH client, initiate file transfer by pulling down the Transfers menu and clicking Send Files. Provide the path to the ".pfw" file and send it.

Figure 13: Transferring the .pfw File



After loading the .pfw file, both the software and firmware will be programmed onto the 10GbE PTM.

**Note** The update process takes a few minutes.

At the end of this process, the following message will be displayed at the prompt:

# Received update image successfully. Changes will take effect after next reboot.

#

Step 6. Exit the 10GbE PTM CLI to the CMC command line. Run:

# exit

Step 7. Power cycle the 10GbE PTM for the firmware to take effect. From the CMC command line type the following command:

\$ racadm chassisaction -m switch-<n> powercycle

Step 8. Wait for 20 seconds, and then connect to the 10GbE PTM. Run:

\$ connect switch-<n>

You will be able to view the progress of the SW update.

Step 9. At the end of a successful SW update process, the following message will be displayed:

FW updated successfully!

Welcome to the Dell 10GbE PTM Management Console firmware X.X.XXX-<date stamp> #

Step 10.Login to the 10GbE PTM CLI as admin. Run:

# login admin

Step 11. To confirm that all PhyX® chips have the same firmware version, run the command:

& show image ver

Software image version: X.X.XXX-<date stamp>

Component #1 FW version: Y.Y.YYY Component #2 FW version: Y.Y.YYY Component #3 FW version: Y.Y.YYY

&

# 4.2 CPU Software Update

This procedure describes how to update CPU SW using a .bin binary file.

- Step 1. Connect to the 10GbE PTM using an SSH Client as described in <u>Section 2</u>, "Connecting to the 10GbE PTM CLI," on page 8.
- Step 2. From the CMC command line, enter the following command:

\$ racadm chassisaction -m [10GbE PTM device Name] powercycle

Example according to section 2 output:

\$ racadm chassisaction -m switch-2 powercycle

**Note** You must connect before the 15-second countdown expires in order to interrupt the Boot Loader.

Step 3. Connect to the 10GbE PTM CLI. Enter:

\$ connect switch-<n>

Where  $\le$ n $\ge$  is the number of the switch, 2 in our example.

**Note** Press any key before the 15-second countdown expires in order to get to the boot loader command line.

You should see the banner "Welcome to Dell PTM Boot loader console". Note that the banner displays the current CPU FW build. If you do not succeed, then you need to exit the 10GbE PTM CLI (enter "exit"), and then go back to Step 1 of this section.

Step 4. From the Boot loader command line, run:

# cpufwupdate

Figure 14: Bootloader

```
Welcome to the CMC firmware version 3.00.X13.201005121602

$ chassisaction -m switch-3 powercycle
Module power operation successful
$ connect switch-3
connect: acquiring remote port.
Connected to remote port.
Escape character is '^\'.
Press any key to enter boot loader... 6
Welcome to Dell PTM Bootloader console - firmware build 1.0.039-201005202042-86
```

The system is now waiting for the file to be transferred from the SSH client.

Step 5. In your SSH client, initiate file transfer by clicking Transfers and then providing the path to the SW binary file.

Figure 15: Transfer File

- Step 6. Exit the bootload. Run: "exit"
- Step 7. Power cycle to allow for the SW to take effect. From the CMC CLI, type the following command:
  - \$ racadm chassisaction -m switch-<n> powercycle
  - Where n is the number of the switch, 2 in our example.
- Step 8. Wait at least 20 seconds to allow for the boot loader to load.

### 4.3 Firmware Update

You can either update the firmware for all three devices at once, or you can update it for a single device that you specify.

#### 4.3.1 Updating Firmware for All PhyX Devices Together

Step 1. Connect to the 10GbE PTM. Run:

\$ Connect switch-<n>

Where n is the number of the switch, 2 in our example.

Step 2. To start the upgrade process, run the command:

# copy image from-file

The system is now waiting for the file to be transferred from the SSH client.

Step 3. In your SSH client, initiate file transfer by pulling down the Transfers menu and clicking Send Files. Provide the path to the PhyX firmware binary file and send it.

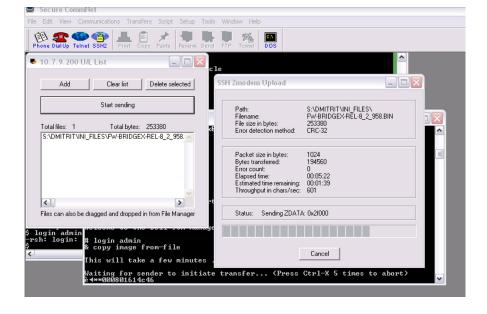


Figure 16: Transferring Firmware File

Firmware programming will be complete after loading the firmware binary file. This process takes a few minutes.

At the end, the following message will be displayed at the prompt:

"FW updated successfully!"

Step 4. Exit the 10GbE PTM command line to the CMC command line. Run:

# exit

Step 5. Power cycle the 10GbE PTM for the firmware to take effect. From the CMC command line type the following command:

\$ racadm chassisaction -m switch-<n> powercycle

Step 6. Wait for 20 seconds, and then connect to the 10GbE PTM. Run:

\$ connect switch-<n>

Step 7. Login to the 10GbE PTM command line interface as admin. Run:

# login admin

Step 8. To confirm that all three PhyX chips have the same firmware version, run the command:

& show image ver

Software image version: 1.0.28-201005131448-62

Component #1 FW version: 8.2.958 Component #2 FW version: 8.2.958 Component #3 FW version: 8.2.958

&

#### 4.3.2 Updating Firmware for a Single PhyX Device

Step 1. Connect to the 10GbE PTM. Run:

\$ Connect switch-<n>

Where n is the number of the switch, 2 in our example.

Step 2. To start the upgrade process for a single PhyX device (1,2, or 3), run the command:

# copy image from-file [device number]

The system is now waiting for the file to be transferred from the SSH client.

To complete the procedure, please follow Step 3 through Step 8 as described in Section 4.3.1 above.

# 5 Troubleshooting

This section provides troubleshooting information for common error conditions. If the described procedure does not solve the problem, please contact your Dell representative for assistance.

Please use the following table to identify the required correctional operation:

Table 6 - Error Conditions and Correctional Operation

Error Condition	Correctional Operation		
10GbE PTM power LED does not turn on	See Section 5.1, "Resolving 10GbE PTM Power Problems," on page 25		
Downlink connection to a blade server does not come up	See Section 5.2, "Resolving Link Connectivity Problems," on page 25		
Uplink connection to remote switch does not come up	See Section 5.2, "Resolving Link Connectivity Problems," on page 25		
Unable to connect to 10GbE PTM10GbE PTM CLI	See Section 5.4, "Resolving CLI Connectivity Problems," on page 26		
10GbE PTM CLI hangs during operation	See Section 5.5, "Recovery From Non-Responsive 10GbE PTM CLI," on page 26		
10GbE PTM software update procedure fails	See Section 5.6, "Recovery From a Software Update Failure," on page 26		

# 5.1 Resolving 10GbE PTM Power Problems

Make sure the system is powered on.

Take out the 10GbE PTM, wait for 10 seconds and plug it back in.

# 5.2 Resolving Link Connectivity Problems

- 1. Check that external cables and/or optical modules are properly inserted.
- 2. Make sure the cables/modules are supported by the 10GbE PTM.
- 3. Log in to 10GbE PTM CLI and run the "show port link" command. Check the status of the downlink and uplink in the relevant port see Section 3.7.1 for details.
  - a. If a blade is inserted but not recognized by the 10GbE PTM restart the network device in the blade and check again. Reboot the blade if the problem is not resolved.
  - b. If an Ethernet NIC or switch is connected to an 10GbE PTM external port but the link is down for the 10GbE PTM external port check cables/modules connectivity in the external device and reboot the external device if not resolved.

If none of the above resolves the issue – reboot the 10GbE PTM through the CMC CLI using the following command:

chassisaction –m switch-<n> powercycle

where < n > is the switch number [1-6].

### 5.3 Resolving a Link Protocol Mismatch

Log in to 10GbE PTM CLI and run the "show port link" command. Check the status of the downlink and uplink in the relevant port to identify the mismatch – see Section 3.7.1 for details.

# 5.4 Resolving CLI Connectivity Problems

Reboot the 10GbE PTM through the CMC CLI using the following command:

chassisaction -m switch-<n> powercycle

where  $\langle n \rangle$  is the switch number [1-6].

# 5.5 Recovery From Non-Responsive 10GbE PTM CLI

Reboot the 10GbE PTM through the CMC CLI using the following command:

chassisaction –m switch-<n> powercycle

where  $\langle n \rangle$  is the switch number [1-6].

# 5.6 Recovery From a Software Update Failure

- 1. Reboot the 10GbE PTM through the CMC CLI using the following command: chassisaction –m switch-<n> powercycle where <n> is the switch number [1-6].
- 2. Restart the software update process.